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Resurrection

Week of April 1, 2018

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Let's start with the story of the men walking to Emmaus. Jesus meets them on the road, and when he hears of their disappointment, he calls them "foolish." Why would Jesus accuse them of that? In what way(s) were they being "fools"?

The point of this entire series of messages is to go on a journey to rediscover honesty, integrity, and clear thinking. Jesus indicates that understanding the resurrection is a matter not of faith but of accurate, clear thinking. Therefore, we are going to take a rational approach to understanding the resurrection. However, before we do that, answer this question. How easy is it for you to trust the accounts of Jesus' resurrection? Why or why not?

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- # Jesus was truly dead.
- # Everything about his death and the tomb were well known.
- # Everyone had given up hope when Jesus died.
- # Even after seeing the angels and visiting the tomb, everyone still doubted.
- # Yet, within days of Jesus' death, people were claiming they saw him alive, and based on that claim, Christianity persisted.

How much evidence did the first disciples need to believe that Jesus was risen?

How much evidence would you have needed?

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